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## ANS Awarded \$300,000 NEH Challenge Grant

Announcement of a \$300,000 Challenge Grant to the ANS from the National Endowment for the Humanities as an incentive for completing the Society's \$4 million Endowment Campaign was the opening topic at the 130th Annual Meeting.

ANS President Harry W. Fowler, who serves as Chairman for the Development Campaign, began the meeting by remarking, "At our last Annual Meeting we announced the Society's first Endowment Campaign with a goal of \$4 million. At that time we had close to \$2 million and during this past year we have added almost another million in gifts and pledges.

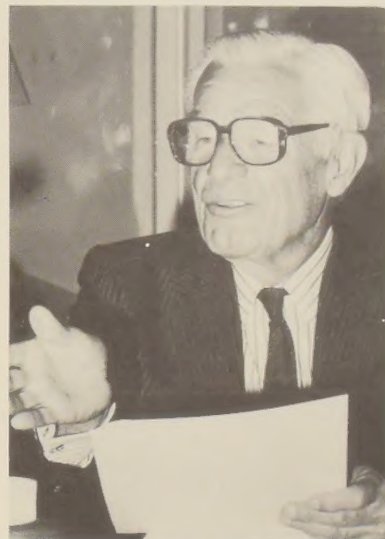
"Now we have the opportunity to reach our goal. The NEH Award requires us to raise three dollars in new pledges for each dollar of their award. This means we must now turn to our entire membership, both personally and on a 'who do you know that can help us' basis to raise the \$900,000 in matching funds which will both release the NEH money and put us over the top of our \$4 million goal."

The \$1.2 million generated by the Challenge Grant and its matching funds will provide endowment to assure ongoing

excellence of the Society's curatorial and library staff, further strengthen its educational activities, and continue to provide for the security of its steadily growing collections, while also funding the necessary renovations to the interior of the building.

With obvious pride, Mr. Fowler explained to the gathering that "through the efforts of everyone associated with working on this grant over the past two years, the Society has not only received a goodly sum of money but an acknowledgment of the importance of numismatics as a scholarly discipline in the humanities and the unique role of the ANS in the furtherance of numismatic research."

Singled out by Mr. Fowler for their involvement in the NEH grant process were Councillors Glen W. Bowersock and Roger A. Hornsby and ANS staff members Leslie A. Elam, William E. Metcalf, and Francis D. Campbell. Mr. Fowler stressed that the support of "our 2,200 plus membership is essential for the completion of this Campaign but we must also gain new support from the overall numismatic community and the general public."



*Society President Harry Fowler announcing NEH award.*

### Appeal to Membership

To explain the manner in which the Society planned to reach these bases of

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*Baldwin Maull being congratulated by President Fowler.*

### BALDWIN MAULL HONORED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Baldwin Maull, who last fall announced his retirement from the ANS Council following 31 years of dedicated service, was honored at the Society's Annual Meeting. While presenting Mr. Maull with an engraved silver ANS member's medal, ANS President Harry Fowler read the following citation on behalf of the entire membership.

"At the fall meeting, I announced Baldwin Maull's decision to step down as an active member of the Society's governing Council and this body promptly elected him an Honorary Councillor for

Life to assure that we shall continue to have his guidance. Baldy had to miss that meeting but he is here today so I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on his 31 year tenure as an ANS Councillor.

"We are deeply honored that the man who devoted his career to leading the Marine Midland Bank as its Chairman also has taken the time to have a deep and lasting interest in the well-being of this organization. Baldy joined the Society in 1955 and was immediately identified as a candidate for the Council. Later that year,

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# P. L. Gupta Receives Huntington Medal

The Archer M. Huntington Medal for 1987 was awarded to Dr. Parmeshwari Lal Gupta of the Republic of India at the Society's Annual Meeting on January 9. The medal is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to numismatic scholarship. William Metcalf, Chief Curator of the Society, read the citation on behalf of the Huntington Committee.

"It is a great pleasure for us to award the Huntington Medal for 1987 for the first time to a scholar from the Republic of India. Dr. Parmeshwari Lal Gupta is one of the most productive numismatists of our time, but it is not alone for his enormous and far-ranging oeuvre that he is regarded as the dean of Indian numismatists today. For 35 years he has had a leading role in the furtherance of numismatics in India as a curator, as an administrator, as an editor, and as head of two distinguished institutions.

"For many years he was active in the work of the Numismatic Society of India. He became a member of its Managing Committee in 1953 and Assistant Editor of the *Journal* of the Society in 1954. In 1959 he served as President of the Society and from 1968 to 1973 as its General Secretary, while editing the *Journal* from 1964 to 1973. A major achievement of his association with the Society was its establishment in a building of its own on the campus of Varanasi University.

"During all this time, he also held a series of curatorial positions, in the Archaeological Section of what was then named Benares Hindu University from 1949 to 1954; at the Prince of Wales Museum in Bombay from 1954 to 1963, with a year off in 1962 to work at the British Museum; and as numismatic curator at the Patna Museum, Bihar, from 1963 to 1972. He returned then to the Prince of Wales Museum and began work on a new project which led to his present position.

"He is today Director of the Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies in Anjaneri near Nasik, about 120 miles northeast of Bombay. The Institute, a private institution, has as its principal activity nothing less than the compilation of a photographic archive of the South Asian coins of every museum in the world, together with a library, study facilities, accommodations for visiting scholars, and classrooms. At last report the Institute, inaugurated in early 1984, had over 50,000 photographs, comprising the entire collections of several European and Indian

museums, mounted on cards and classified. It has also held two international symposia, the proceedings of which are published, and this year held the first of a series of seminars open to scholars, students, and collectors for instruction in basic numismatic methodology. The Institute has published several monographs as well as the journal *Numismatic Digest* which Dr. Gupta has edited since 1977.

"Meanwhile, his scholarly output has never ceased to flow abundantly. Over 120 numismatic articles and books are listed in our library catalogue, and there are many others on historical topics. He has done original work on every aspect of coinage in South Asia, from the earliest punch-marked silver to the coin designs of the Republic of India. His books include *Punch-Marked Coins in the Andhra Pradesh Government Museum* (1961), *The Amaravati Hoard of Silver Punch-Marked Coins* (1963), *Roman Coins from Andhra Pradesh* (1965), *Gupta Gold Coins* (1981), and *Ancient Indian Silver Punch-Marked Coins: Magadha-Maurya Kshpana Series* (1985), but his best-known work is surely his little handbook titled simply *Coins* (1960), a survey of coinage in South Asia from the beginning to the present which is a model of effective popularization based on the highest scholarship.

"Dr. Gupta has long been associated with the American Numismatic Society as a Contributing Editor to *Numismatic Literature*. In 1978 he visited the ANS to work on our extensive collection of South Asian coins. He has received the Chakravikrama Silver Medal and the Nelson Wright Bronze Medal of the Numismatic Society of India and, in 1977, the Medal of the Royal Numismatic Society. It is gratifying now to add his name to the list of recipients of the Archer M. Huntington Medal for distinguished numismatic scholarship."

## Grandniece Accepts Award

Dr. Gupta was unable to come to New York to receive the award. Accepting the award on his behalf was Dr. Ira Das, a research scientist at the University of Toronto, who delivered Dr. Gupta's prepared address.

"At the beginning of November last, I received the letter from Dr. W. E. Metcalf telling me that the Council of the American Numismatic Society voted unanimously to designate me as the recipient of the Archer M. Huntington Medal for 1987. Before I could have my own feelings, my life-



Dr. Ira Das, a Toronto scientist and P. L. Gupta's grandniece, with Chief Curator William Metcalf.

partner Annapura reacted spontaneously, exclaiming that it was a gift from the numismatic fraternity of the Western Hemisphere on my seventy-fourth birthday, which was the next day (according to the Hindu calendar). She has been a constant source of inspiration to me in my activities, studies, and researches. Her excitement was natural. In her delight is mixed my own delight, which I have no words to express.

"At this moment, my memories flash back to those early days, the very beginning of the 1930s, when I was a boy. Mahatma Gandhi, the father of our nation, had launched the struggle for freedom of our country from the clutches of British imperialism. Our leaders and freedom fighters were then being put behind bars. Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, who was destined to become our first Prime Minister after independence, was arrested one day; and an innocent patriotism was aroused in me. I called my schoolmates to abstain from their classes for one-half day to protest the arrest. I did not realize that it was, in any way, any act of indiscipline; but the headmaster of the school thought it so—he expelled me. The doors of education were thus closed for me at a time when I had not even finished the eighth standard. The hopes my father had to see me become a lawyer like himself were doomed. I became a rebel, a full-time worker for the Indian National Congress. A part of the prime of my life was spent in prison.

"Having this background, by sheer chance I came into close contact with a fellow Congress worker, a leading lawyer of the town, much my senior, Rama Shankar Rawat. He was interested in antiquities and had a good collection of Indian coins to which he devoted his leisure. His coin collecting fascinated me

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## SEMINAR, FELLOWSHIP DEADLINES APPROACH

March 1 is the application deadline for the 1988 Graduate Seminar, the 1988/9 Graduate Fellowship, and the Frances M. Schwartz Fellowship.

The Seminar is open to graduate students of at least one year's experience who are currently enrolled at a North American institution of higher learning. The Seminar, which includes a rigorous program of instruction focusing on methodology in addition to directed research, will be held at the museum from June 14 to August 13. The visiting scholar will be Dr. Christof F. Boehringer, Professor of Archaeology in the University of Göttingen, West Germany.

Professor Boehringer's doctoral dissertation, for which he was awarded the Ph.D. cum laude by the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, was "Chronologie mittelhellenistischer Münzserien" (1972), later published as *Antike Münzen und geschnittene Steine* vol. 5. In it he surveyed the coinages of the Greek world from 220 to 160 B.C. He has published extensively on other coinages, principally those of South Italy and Sicily. He will deliver three lectures and share with the curatorial staff the responsibility for supervising the work of 10 to 12 graduate students. Boehringer is the son of Erich Boehringer, who is best known for *Die Münzen von Syrakus* (Berlin and Leipzig, 1919).

Admission to the Graduate Seminar carries with it a stipend of \$1,200. Applications and supporting documents are available from the Society and must be completed and returned before March 1. Announcement of awards will be made before April 1. Seminar stipends are made possible by a generous grant from Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman of St. Louis.

The Graduate Fellowship is awarded to a student who has completed the Graduate Seminar and has been admitted to candidacy for the Ph.D. and who is writing a doctoral dissertation in which the use of numismatic evidence plays a significant part. The stipend is \$3,500.

The Frances M. Schwartz Fellowship is awarded annually to students who have completed the B.A. or equivalent. The fellowship is intended to educate qualified students in museum practice and to train them in numismatics, as well as to provide for curatorial assistance in the Greek, Roman, and Byzantine departments. The stipend varies with the term of tenure (normally the academic year) but will not exceed \$2,000.



Visiting scholar Christof F. Boehringer.

## TWO ELECTED TO COUNCIL

Two incumbent Council members were elected to additional five-year terms on the Society's governing Council at the Annual Meeting held January 9, 1988: Arthur Houghton, now of Washington, DC (formerly Associate Curator at the J. Paul Getty Museum), and member of the Standing Committee on Greek Coins; and Eric P. Newman, a St. Louis businessman, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Modern Coinages and Currencies and a member of the Huntington Medal Award Committee. Edward Glassmeyer, a member of the Council since 1983, decided not to serve another term.

### Officers and Committees

At the corporate organization meeting following the Annual Meeting, the following were elected officers of the Society for 1988: Harry W. Fowler, President; R. Henry Norweb, Jr., First Vice President; Roger A. Hornsby, Second Vice President; Leslie A. Elam, Director and Secretary; John D. Leggett, Jr., Treasurer; and Orin Joseph, Assistant Treasurer. The Executive Committee now consists of Harry W. Fowler, Chairman, R. Henry Norweb, Jr., Roger A. Hornsby, John D. Leggett, Jr., Harry W. Bass, Jr., Margo Russell, and Glen Bowersock. Members of the Finance Committee are Alan B. Coleman, Harry W. Fowler, John D. Leggett, Jr., R. Henry Norweb, Jr., and Landon Thomas.

## COAC 1988

The fifth annual Coinage of the Americas Conference, to be held October 29-30, will break new ground. For the first time since this annual series was inaugurated, COAC will address a numismatic topic whose focus is outside the United States—the Spanish Viceroyalty of El Peru. At its greatest extent late in the eighteenth century, El Peru included all of Spanish South America, a broad area indeed.

Speakers at the conference have been drawn from various parts of the world and include Frank Sedwick, Richard Doty, Freeman Craig, Horace Flatt, and K. A. Dym. Topics to be discussed include the gold cobs of Peru (1696-1752), the "peripheral" mint of Alto Peru, the silver coins of Nuevo Reino (1622-1760), and Bolivian proclamation pieces of Melgarejo. Subsequent to the conference, the papers will be published as conference proceedings. The preliminary program for COAC 1988 will be included in the spring *ANS Newsletter*, together with registration information.

Several collectors have already expressed interest in exhibiting highlights from their collections. These displays will supplement a historical tableau illustrating the dramatic development of the area's coinage over a period of three hundred years. Additional exhibits on the conference theme are welcome. Those interested should contact the COAC 1988 Chairman, Dr. William L. Bischoff, at the ANS.

## LOWICK FUND

The Royal Numismatic Society has announced the creation of "The Nicholas Lowick Memorial Fund for the Promotion of Oriental Numismatic Research." Nicholas was a fellow and officer of the RNS and Curator of Oriental Coins at the British Museum from 1962 to 1986. He was a leading international authority in his field and was liked and respected by scholars, enthusiasts, collectors, and dealers.

The first awards from the fund will be one or two travel stipends of about 250 pounds. Applications are due by May 1. For further information or to donate to the fund write to the Secretary of the RNS, Department of Coins and Medals, British Museum, London, WC1B 3DG. Checks should be made payable to "The Nicholas Lowick Memorial Fund."



# John Cook Receives Saltus Award

The widely acclaimed American medalist John Cook received the Society's J. Sanford Saltus Medal at the Annual Meeting on January 9. Thomas Wilfred, a member of the Saltus Committee, read the citation on behalf of the Saltus Committee.

"It is most appropriate that the Saltus Medal for 1987, a year which has witnessed such an enormous outpouring of interest in the American medal, be awarded to the artist who is most directly identified with the renaissance of medallic art in this country, John Cook.

"The Saltus Medal is primarily an award for excellence in artistic creativity, and in this area John Cook has no peer among medalists in this country. In the scores of medals he has created he has combined a consistent identity and vision with a never-ending exploration of new approaches and techniques. Creativity and fantasy have long been major subjects in his work; of late the cycles of nature and death have emerged as significant themes.

His struck medals evidence great skill and understanding of the possibilities of the medium; his 1985 medal for Brookgreen Gardens is a tour-de-force in the use of low relief, incuse, and patina. It is, however, in his cast pieces that Cook's creative genius has its greatest expression. Impressionistic and suggestive, these pieces are never informal; rather they are explorations of form as it relates to the medallic medium. In his use of wax modeling, punches, and attachments, he has greatly extended the vocabulary available to the contemporary medalist.

"In his own work, John Cook has given an example of artistic achievement that might by itself have been enough to trigger

a rebirth of interest in the medium among sculptors and collectors alike, but his contribution has far surpassed this. In 1983, he became the U.S. delegate to the *Fédération Internationale de la Médaille*, and was responsible for the great increase in American participation in the 1983 and 1985 exhibitions and congresses as well as the groundwork for the 1987 FIDEM Congress in Colorado Springs. At Pennsylvania State University, where he is Professor of Art and a Fellow of the Institute for the Arts and Humanistic Studies, he organized and taught the 1984 International Medallic Art Workshop, which brought many American medalists together with teachers from abroad. In conjunction with the workshop, he mounted an exhibition "The Resurgent Art Medal," which traveled to four museums. His continued activity as a teacher is evidenced by the American participation in the FIDEM '87 exhibition, which displays a geographical distribution centered on Penn State. In articles in *The Medal*, *Medallic Sculpture*, *Médailles*, *Coin World*, and *The Numismatist*, he has made major contributions to the discussion of the role of the medal in the contemporary world.

"It is for all of these accomplishments and in the expectation of many more to come, that the American Numismatic Society bestows the Saltus Medal for 1987 on John Cook."

## Cook's Acceptance

In acknowledging the award Professor Cook addressed the meeting as follows:

"It is a singularly meaningful honor to be selected the 1987 recipient of the J. Sanford Saltus Award because it is given by persons involved with and knowledgeable in the field of medallic art.

"In the 35 years which I have been a practicing sculptor, I, as do most sculptors, have explored a number of paths in seeking a viable expressive genre. It is only in this last decade that in turning to the medal, I have found a mode infinite with possibilities and endless in stimulation. Moreover, I have become increasingly aware of a simple truth: that as the scale of the work becomes smaller and more intimate, the idea grows stronger in its evocative ability. As with Japanese haiku poetry 'less becomes more.'

"In accepting this award, I wish to acknowledge support from various sources. Carol Schwartz, when art director of the Medallic Art Company, generously

provided her technical expertise in my first ventures and since has unfailingly given her support to my work and endeavors; the museums and private collectors who have purchased my medals have encouraged me to continue; the Institute for Arts and Humanistic Studies and the Rockefeller Foundation have given me aid in furthering my creative explorations; Steve Brown, of C. A. Brown Foundry, whose painstaking care and concern for perfection as a foundryman and craftsman have been indispensable to my productions; and the several journals which have for a number of years published my somewhat pedantic writings.

"In closing, I wish to thank the American Numismatic Society for this opportunity to exhibit a selection of my work, which is, I hope, not a summation but a beginning."

At the meeting which immediately preceded the award ceremony, the Society's Council elected Professor Cook a Life Fellow of the Society. In addition Curator of Medals Alan Stahl assisted by Curatorial Assistant Lori Rubens arranged an exhibit of recent medallic works by Dr. Cook. The exhibit will remain on view until April 17, 1988, which is also the closing date for the major exhibit "The Beaux-Arts Medal in America."

## ROMAN COIN EXHIBITION AT PRINCETON

From January 22 through April 24, 1988, Princeton's Firestone Library is featuring an exhibition entitled "Rome and her Enemies: The Evidence of the Coinage." The nucleus of the show was assembled by Dr. Bernhard Overbeck of the Staatliche Münzsammlung in Munich and consisted of 176 pairs of coin electrotypes. It appeared in a number of German cities under the title "Rom und die Germanen: Das Zeugnis der Münzen," and in this country has been shown under the name "Rome and the Germans as Seen on Coins."

At Princeton, the exhibition has been expanded with over 40 coins being added from the Firestone's numismatic collection. Related material from the library's holdings of rare books, manuscripts, and graphic arts supplement the show, and objects from the Art Museum are also on display. The coins deal with three aspects of Roman military history: her attitude toward the German tribes she confronted for over half a millennium; her attitude toward other "barbarian" peoples; and the relationship of the emperor to the armed forces.



John Cook next to gilt copper galvano of A. A. Weinman's Saltus Medal, part of the Beaux-Arts exhibition.



## INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS AT NYINC

Again this year the New York International Numismatic Convention provided the Society with several opportunities to meet with members and friends from distant points.

At the ANS Information Booth, Society staff members and volunteers answered questions about current and future activities and provided membership information to visitors during the three days, December 12-14, of the convention.

On Friday, December 11, ANS President Harry W. Fowler and his wife hosted a dinner party for members of the international numismatic community. Guests from the United States were joined by those attending NYINC from the European nations of Switzerland, West Germany and the Netherlands, from Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, and even from Japan and Singapore.

The focus of this gathering at New

York's Knickerbocker Club was a presentation about the Society, its history, the work it is currently doing and, most significantly, its future plans, all of which provided for a lively exchange of ideas.

On Sunday morning, the Steering Committee for the 1988 Coinage of the Americas Conference, whose members come from as far as California, Nevada and Puerto Rico, met to finalize the program for the October symposium on "The Coinage of El Peru and Its Successor States."

The NYINC, organized and sponsored for 15 years by Richard Margolis and Wilbur Selfridge, is now conducted by Gina Tordella who has greatly expanded the number of numismatic firms present. The ANS is grateful for the opportunities accorded by what now represents, without doubt, the most important annual gathering in the U.S. of the international numismatic community.

past and I would like to reminisce with you for a few minutes.

"My beginnings with the Society were quite simple. I was living in Princeton and was a good friend of Louis West, at the time Treasurer and later President of this Society. We were scheduled to move to Buffalo and my wife was already active in the local chapter of the Archaeological Institute so I mentioned to Louis that I would like to find something to do and he said 'Why not coins? Come in to see me.' So I came to the ANS and he said 'Ancient Greek silver and Byzantine gold are both selling at reasonable levels, do one of those.' He sent me down to Stack's and there I bought a beautiful silver coin of Syracuse. It didn't cost me very much back then.

"From there I went on to buy each time a coin of a different issuing city and I enjoyed studying them. I had a lot of fun with them and built the collection to about a hundred coins. Then one day I was here at the Society and saw Mr. Noe who had been an outstanding Chief Curator for years but was then retired. He advised me to concentrate my interests by specializing in a single mint, Tarentum. I took his advice and eventually I had about 300 coins when, for various reasons, I stopped that activity and made a donation of them; but I had a wonderful time with Greek coins.

"One day Louis West telephoned me in Buffalo saying, 'Baldy, Archer P. Huntington has died and we would like

you to take his place on our Council.' I lost no time in dealing with that. I said, 'Louis, I'm very sorry, I cannot do for you what Archer P. Huntington did.' He said, and you will hardly believe this today, 'You don't understand. We have our building. We have our coins. We have an endowment and we use the income. We do not ask anyone for money.' Unbelievable, but a very happy situation, so I agreed since I was in New York on business every week anyway. I joined the Council at the end of 1955 and I have had a wonderful time on it ever since.

"As was mentioned, I served under four Presidents—Louis West, Sam Milbank, Harry Bass and Harry Fowler—and I think of each of them with great affection and esteem. Each one had new problems and new situations to deal with and did so well; they all had great Chief Curators to support them. Each also was innovative and there were many fresh ideas. I think particularly of Louis West starting the Graduate Seminar, which has been very important; I think of Harry Bass rearranging the library and also getting into computers where, I am told, we are in the lead worldwide in the way we are going about it. I think of Harry Fowler grasping the nettle by starting the campaign which is going to overcome the deficits that have been very burdensome to us for the past few years.

"My service here at the Society and with these individuals has been of great personal satisfaction to me. It has been an important part of my life, and I have loved it. I very much value the friendships that I have made here and now I am very, very grateful for the honorary position to which I have been elected which will allow me to continue these associations.

"I shall always cherish this medal. Actually, I have another medal with my name on it, given to me by Nelson Rockefeller on behalf of New York for some work I did for the state, and I shall put this right along side of it in the most prominent place in our house and look at the two together with great pleasure.

"I am, of course, very impressed by the list of contributions and things I have done, which brings to mind the following story. There was a man being honored in his home town for something important that he had done, and the toastmaster of the affair kept referring to him as 'a great, great man.' On his way home, the man asked his wife, 'Mary, how many great, great men do you think there are in this town?' She said, 'John, I don't know how many great, great men there are in this town, but there's one less than you think there are.' Thank you all very much."

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Archer Huntington, the Society's principal benefactor and a long-standing Councillor, died, and Baldy was asked to take his place which he did in December. In January 1956 he was elected to his first full term.

"In 1958 he was appointed to the Finance Committee and served as its Chairman from 1961 through 1977. He has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Council since 1960 and was First Vice President of the Society from 1960 until 1974. He has the distinction of having celebrated the Society's Centennial and its 125th Anniversary and having served under four Presidents of the ANS. He has managed the finances of this organization during periods of extraordinary growth and periods of dire need—his has been a steady hand and we owe to him the fact that we have survived these last three decades in good shape and with a promising future.

"It is my pleasure to mark this singular occasion in the life of our Society by presenting to you, Baldy, on behalf of the membership, this silver ANS Member's Medal which is engraved: Baldwin Maull, ANS Council, 1956-1987."

In acknowledging this recognition, Mr. Maull shared with the gathering some thoughts on his tenure as a Councillor.

"I was told that I would be asked to say a few words but I did not expect this beautiful and special medal with my name on it. I have been thinking a bit about the



support, Mr. Fowler introduced Development Officer Sande Elinson. According to Mrs. Elinson, notifying the membership and enlisting their participation in meeting the NEH Challenge Grant is the first priority for the completion of this phase of the Campaign.

A letter from Margaret Thompson, Honorary Chairman for the Campaign and Chief Curator Emeritus of the Society, was sent in January to each Society member announcing the NEH Challenge Grant. In her letter Miss Thompson stresses that "We can take pride in what has been achieved but to stand still is to stagnate. To maintain our preeminence as a center for numismatic study we must strengthen and expand our activities. To do this we need your help."

Also enclosed in the membership mailing with the Development Campaign brochure is a "Levels of Giving Needed for a Successful ANS Campaign" chart of gifts to date and donor recognition categories. This chart, explained Mrs. Elinson, illustrates how the ANS Campaign is following a specific course of solicitation to insure its successful completion. In the past year phase 1 of the Campaign has focused on soliciting major gifts of \$25,000 to \$500,000 from a relatively small group of donors.

To succeed in the phase 2 smaller gift stage, Mrs. Elinson urged that "we need hundreds of pledges in the \$100 to \$1,000 range and at least a hundred more in the \$1,500 to \$20,000 giving categories. We encourage donors to make three and five



Graduate Seminar alumni Jacqueline F. Long, Paul T. Keyser, and Constantin A. Marinescu enjoying exhibits after Annual Meeting.

year pledges to allow themselves to give their maximum amount and qualify for named gift opportunities and donor recognition categories of their choice. Payments during the first three years of new pledges will qualify for NEH matching funds, the full amount of the new pledge or any increased pledges will determine the donor recognition status.

### Donor Recognition

At its January meeting, the Society's Council approved donor recognition levels for all gifts to the Campaign. All donors will be listed in a special section of the *Annual Report* for the duration of the Campaign. Donors who pledge \$1,000 and

above will be listed on a "Roll of Honor" to be on permanent display at the Society. To honor those donors who pledge \$5,000 and above, the Council approved the issuing of a specially designed ANS Endowment Medal in silver for recognition of this level of support. The Society is sponsoring an open competition for the design of the new medal through May 1988 with the first presentations of the silver medal planned for early 1989.

In addition to the permanent listing on the "Roll of Honor" and the presentation of the ANS Endowment Medal, donors who pledge \$10,000 and above may consult the Society for an appropriate Named Gift Designation which will be identified by a plaque mounted in the appropriate area of the Society.

### Fowler Optimistic

The NEH grant also provides the opportunity for the Society to make a national appeal to the general public as well as those of the numismatic community not among our membership. Anticipating this broader base of support, Mr. Fowler commented that "there is good reason to expect that we could go over our goal of \$4 million. It will take the full participation of our 2,200 members plus a strong response from private foundations, the collecting numismatic community, and the general public. But it can be done and will have the end result of interesting many new supporters in the preservation and furtherance of the Society as a national treasure for humanistic scholarship as recognized by the National Endowment for the Humanities."

This new base would be further developed to strengthen the ongoing Annual Giving Campaign of the Society and support future programing and expansion plans. "Just as the NEH Challenge Grant is coming at the right time to spur on our mass solicitations," observed Mr. Fowler, "the Endowment Campaign came at a time when the Society needed revitalization to continue the preservation, expansion, and accessibility of its collections. The monetary goals of the Campaign are only part of the end result of mounting and running a development drive. The Society is also laying the foundation for an ongoing program for membership enrichment, future foundation support, annual giving, and reaching a wider audience of potential users of the collections. As our Honorary Campaign Chairman Margaret Thompson succinctly states in her letter to the membership, 'Working together we can shape the future.'"

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ELECTED BY COUNCIL

At its January 9 meeting the Society's Council elected 41 new Associate Members: Roy H. Adams, Minford, OH; Christos Alevras, West Orange, NJ; Vsevolod Arefiev, Philadelphia, PA; Bank al-Maghrib, Rabat, Morocco; Joseph R. Bliss, Richmond, VA; B. F. Brekke, Chapala, Mexico; Alfred Bromberg, Kresgeville, PA; Barret Broyde, Woodmere, NY; Vincent J. Carrillo, Aljante, Spain; Norman W. Carter, Dallas, TX; Burt Cosgrove, Albuquerque, NM; Hans Durig, Washington, DC; Bernard Eisenberg, Hollywood, FL; and John S. Folan, San Mateo, CA.

Also, William V. Frazzetto, New York, NY; F. Gregory Gause, Jr., Wilmington, DE; Wesley Halpert, New York, NY; David P. Herman, Orlando, FL; Albert

Jakira, Brooklyn, NY; Lester A. Kinley, Dumont, NJ; Danny Lee, Lakeland, FL; David A. Lin, No. Miami Beach, FL; Howard Malatzky, Riverdale, NY; William F. Maxwell, Vancouver, Canada; Alvaro Meneses-Diaz, New York, NY; Jorge Ortiz Murias, Santurce, Puerto Rico; William M. Refett, Hollywood, FL; and Arthur V. Rubino, Sante Fe, NM.

Also, Nino Savoca, Bolzano, Italy; Sheila Schwartz, New York, NY; Abdolrazagh Shams-Eshragh, Fort Lee, NJ; George Skic, Pennington, NJ; Gerald M. Sloan, Los Angeles, CA; Lawrence J. Smith, Hasbrouck, NJ; David Stern, Hollywood, FL; Francois Van Hoof, Mechelen, Belgium; Hans R. Voegtl, Dornich, Switzerland; Gary Waddingham, Basin, WY; Chien-Yu Wang, Shanghai, China; Katherine E. Welch, Jersey City, NJ; and Eugene Worrell, Charlottesville, VA.



Christopher E. Blunt, long the world's leading authority on English coinage and a Huntington Medalist of the Society, died on November 20, 1987, at the age of 83. Blunt's bibliography, which dates from 1931, consists of hundreds of monographs, articles, notes, and reviews, but this was only part of his contribution to the discipline. His most lasting legacy was the *Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles*, which he conceived and edited from its inception in 1953. At his death 38 fascicules had appeared under the imprint of the British Academy. Blunt also served as editor of the *British Numismatic Journal* from 1935 to 1971, as President of the British Numismatic Society from 1946 to 1950, and as President of the Royal Numismatic Society from 1956 to 1961. He was awarded the RNS's medal in 1969 and our own in 1973.

"A striking figure, tall and patrician, he appeared to have endless resources of patience and courtesy," remarks his obituary in the *Times* of London. Blunt's helpfulness and hospitality to younger scholars were well known. A concrete illustration was provided in 1981 when I visited him in Ramsbury in connection with the publication of the Society's *SCBI* fascicule. After our brief business had been transacted, we drove to Avebury—one of Britain's most important archaeological sites, though relatively unknown on this side of the Atlantic—and then to Cunetio, which Blunt knew would be of interest to me as the findspot of the largest hoard of Roman coins ever recovered in Britain. Blunt was at home in any archaeological context, but familiarity had not dampened his enthusiasm, nor age, it seemed, his vigor. After dinner our conversation turned to scholars who are but names to students of my own generation but many of whom Christopher had known well. Fortunately he has preserved for future students his "Personal Reminiscences of Some Distinguished Numismatists of a Previous Generation" (*BJN* 46 [1976], pp. 64-74).

W. E. Metcalf

## THOMSEN FESTSCHRIFT

Danish scholar Rudi Thomsen is being presented with a festschrift in his honor for his 70th birthday. *Studies in Ancient History* has been compiled by 24 of his Scandinavian colleagues and covers a wide range of topics within ancient history, classical archaeology, and numismatics. For 30 years, Professor Thomsen has held the chair of Ancient History at Aarhus

## AMENDMENTS PASSED

Two constitutional amendments were passed at the Society's Annual Meeting on January 9. The first of these was enacted by Council on October 17, 1987, and read to the membership at the Fall Meeting on the same day. It was published in the Fall *Newsletter* and replaces Article VI, Section 3, while emending Section 4:

3. The Council shall consist of Fellows and Honorary Fellows, the number, term and class of which shall be determined by a majority vote of the entire Council, provided that no decrease in number shall shorten the term of any incumbent Councillor. Nominations for Councillors shall be made at the Annual Meeting by a Nominating Committee for Councillors consisting of at least three and not more than five Fellows appointed by the President. Other nominations shall require the signature of a total of ten Fellows or Honorary Fellows and must be reported to the Secretary fifteen days before the Annual Meeting. Unless otherwise provided by the Council, Councillors shall serve for terms of five years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

4. At line 6, delete "fifteen".

The second amendment affects Article IX, replacing Sections 1 through 3, and was enacted by Council on July 17, 1987. It was read to the membership on October 17, 1987, and published in the Fall *Newsletter*.

1. The Council of the Society shall, from time to time, fix levels of giving appropriate for the designation of "Benefactor of the Society," "Patron of the Society" and such other designations in recognition of giving as it deems proper.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, with the advice and assistance of other officers, to keep a record of all gifts to the Society and their stated value, and, when any person or organization has qualified to be designated at a level of giving established by the Council, to bring that information to the attention of the Council so that it may take note thereof on its Minutes. The Council shall have final judgement as to the recorded value of gifts to the Society.

Renumber Sections 4 and 5 as Sections 3 and 4.

University. He is well known internationally for his book *Early Roman Coinage*, but is also the author and editor of many textbooks for secondary schools. *Early Roman Coinage* is available through the publisher, Aarhus University Press, Aarhus University, D-8000 Aarhus C, Denmark.

## SCHER TO SPEAK AT SPRING MEETING

The early history of coin collecting will be explored at the Society's Spring Meeting when Stephen K. Scher gives the Joseph B. and Morton M. Stack Memorial Lecture, Saturday, April 16, 1988, at 3:00 P.M. Dr. Scher's talk is entitled "Renaissance Coin Collectors and the Origins of the Medal." This is a field in which he has been interested since his participation in the ANS Graduate Seminar in Numismatics in 1958.

Modern collectors may be surprised to learn how eager their predecessors of centuries back were to have "complete type sets." The easiest way to acquire a coin of a particularly obscure Roman emperor was to have it made to order. Such pseudo-ancient coins are among the precursors of the Renaissance medals which Dr. Scher will examine in this slide illustrated discussion.

A member of the ANS Committee on Medals and Decorations, Dr. Scher was formerly the Chairman of the Art Department at Brown University. Now a businessman and collector of a wide variety of numismatic items, he maintains his scholarly activities through lectures such as this and articles in many publications.

## MEDIEVALISTS AT KALAMAZOO

As it has each year since 1982, the Society will sponsor a session at the International Congress on Medieval Studies of the Medieval Institute, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, May 5-8. The session will be chaired by Graduate Seminar alumna and guest curator of the Beaux-Arts exhibition, Barbara Baxter. Thomas Blomquist, an alumnus of the 1961 Seminar, will speak on "The Circulation of Money in a Commune: Foreign Coins in Thirteenth-Century Lucca." ANS Curator of Medieval Coins Alan Stahl will give a paper entitled "Mortalita e Moneta: The Black Death and the Mint of Venice." The final presentation will be an on-line computer demonstration by Martha Carlin and Walt Crawford of the Medieval and Early Modern Data Bank at Rutgers University.

On Saturday, May 7, at 9:00 P.M., the ANS will host a reception for alumni, members, and friends at 1045 Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University. More information on the congress can be obtained from the Medieval Institute, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, 49008.



## LERA ENJOYS *A Day at the ANS*

The LERA Coin Club is the second numismatic group to participate in the Society's new outreach program for groups interested in learning about the ANS and its facilities as a major numismatic research center. The program, "A Day at the ANS," invites groups of 15 or more to spend a Saturday at the Society. James Brandt of the LERA Coin Club of Nanuet, NJ, scheduled his club's visit this past



*Librarian Francis Campbell showing some of the library's rare books to the LERA Coin Club.*

November to start in the morning with a slide presentation describing the Society, its resources and collections, followed by a guided tour of the Society.

During the tour, professional staff members gave an overview of their

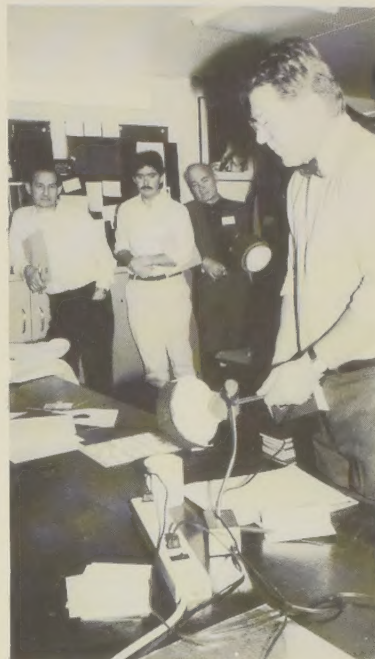
departments' functions and answered specific questions. The program included a tour of the library with an explanation of its research facilities and a chance to view highlights from its collection of 100,000 books, pamphlets, catalogues, microfilms, periodicals, and manuscripts. In the photography department, an introduction to the problems of photographing coins was given, and in the editorial department the scope and objectives of the Society's publications program were discussed. To enable the club members to view items of specific interest from the ANS cabinets, they were asked at the time of scheduling for their numismatic interests. The special viewing of these preselected items from the cabinet with a member of the curatorial staff concluded the formal part of the day's program.

### Clubs Invited

"A Day at the ANS" usually starts at 10:00 A.M. and lasts about three hours with a break for coffee and donuts. The Society is open to the visiting group for the rest of the day for pre-scheduled visits with curatorial staff, research in the library, further visits with the photography and publications staff, and viewing of the exhibition halls. Group members may also wish to visit the three other excellent museums that are part of Audubon Terrace.

Scheduling for "A Day at the ANS" is available nine months of the year, excluding June, July, and August when the Society's Graduate Seminar program is in

session. Admission to the Society is free and there are no fees for this program. Any group interested in planning "A Day at the ANS" should contact Sande Elinson, (212) 234-3130. Arrangements for parking, picnic lunches, or using neighborhood restaurants can be made at the time of scheduling.



*Photographer Frank Deak discussing coin photography techniques with the LERA Coin Club.*

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and he, with his paternal-like affection, initiated me into numismatics. A few years later, while I was still a novice in the field, I found in Dr. A. S. Altekar, the renowned numismatic scholar of our country, my guru, my preceptor. His affectionate encouragement and guidance brought in me the conviction that I could carry out the work of numismatics, and created in me a passion for it. It was this passion that induced me at a quite late age to return to school. Dr. V. S. Agrawala and Dr. A. L. Basham, the two noted historians, also came to my mind at this moment. They equally took keen interest in me and encouraged my numismatic pursuits and research. I owe to all these four individual immortals all that I am now.

"But what I am, I am not to judge. If you have pronounced me worthy to place me in the line of the great scholars of world

numismatics by awarding me your Huntington Medal, I bow to your verdict. I take pride to be ranked with John Allan and R. B. Whitehead, great scholars of Indian numismatics. I may now justifiably claim to be the beneficiary of stimulation and guidance from their writings. It is also a great pleasure to see myself standing by the side of at least three good friends of my own—John Walker, R. A. G. Carson, and Peter Berghaus.

"I understand that in nominating me for the award, the Huntington Committee had in mind not only my bibliography but also my humble efforts to foster the numismatic discipline in my country with the foundation of the Indian Institute of Research in Numismatics. This appreciation means much to me and emboldens me to put to you that the ANS has in its collections nearly 20,000 Indian coins which are hardly known in our country.

Thus I feel the great need for close co-operation between your Society and my Institute which would be a much greater contribution to Indian numismatics than the honor you have bestowed upon it by awarding me the Medal.

"With these words, I thank the Council of the American Numismatic Society and the Huntington Award Committee for according me the honor of being a Medalist of this august body of international status. At the same time, I lament very much that I could not be there to receive the honor in person. It was not destined to be so. You will please forgive me for my unavoidable absence."

In conjunction with the presentation of the Huntington Medal, Assistant Librarian Kay Brooks opened an exhibit in the Library of publications by Dr. Gupta. The exhibit will remain on view through February 13, 1988.





Graduate Seminar alumni Jennifer Sheridan and Joseph Scholten examining special exhibits at APA/AIA reception.

## APA/AIA AT ANS

Over 60 alumni, members, and friends of the Society attended a reception held at the museum on December 29. The occasion was the joint annual meeting of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America, which took place in New York for the first time since 1976. In connection with the meetings, William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator, and Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, Assistant Curator of Ancient Coins, mounted an exhibit on "Coins and Archaeology," which opened at the reception, and on December 30 they welcomed a bus tour of convention participants. The exhibition, which remained on view through the Annual Meeting on January 9, included over 200 coins and illustrated the importance of numismatic evidence not only for the study of ancient history but also ancient portraiture, mythology, and monuments. The symbiosis between archaeology and

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## CAMPAIGN GIVING

From the beginning of the ANS Development Campaign in 1986 to the present, the levels of giving sought have been in the \$25,000 and above category. As the accompanying chart illustrates, the Campaign has successfully solicited these gifts and is now focusing on raising the remaining \$1.2 million through the NEH Challenge Grant and \$900,000 in smaller gifts from numerous donors. Please take this opportunity to meet the NEH Challenge and send in your pledge and initial payment in the business reply envelope enclosed in this *ANSNewsletter*. Donors may use a three or five year pledge

### Levels of Giving Needed for a Successful ANS Campaign

Gift Amount	Gifts Needed	Gifts Pledged
\$ 500,000	1	1
400,000	1	1
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200,000	2	2
100,000	3	2
75,000	2	-
40-50,000	6	6
25-40,000	6	5
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15,000	10	4
10,000	20	5
5,000	35	6
1,500	50	2
1,000	100	12
500	150	3
250	100	5
100	250	8
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period. Those payments remitted by December 1, 1990, will qualify as matching funds toward the Challenge Grant awarded to the ANS by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## LIBRARY RECEIVES GIFTS

A recent donation to the library fund by Society Fellow Joseph Lasser has enabled the librarian to acquire at auction a volume containing nine Acts of the English Parliament relating to counterfeiting and coinage. The Acts were all produced at the Royal Printing Press and were published between 1742 and 1774 during the reigns of George II and George III.

Dr. Richard Golden of Centerport, NY, has given the library a number of articles dealing with "Medicina in Nummis" which he and his son John T. Golden have published in various numismatic and medical periodicals.

Shraga Qedar of Jerusalem has sent a copy of *New Catalogue of Ancient Jewish Coins* by Jacob Maltiel-Gerstenfeld. *Griechische Münzen-römisches Reich* by Balazs Kapossy has been received from Verlag Stämpfli of Bern, Switzerland, and Numismatics International of Dallas, TX, has donated a copy of *Chopmarks* by F. Rose.

## APS REPORTS MISSING TOKENS

The American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia has notified the ANS that an album of London copper tokens disappeared recently from the library. The

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Personal Record of ANS Pledge: .  
 Total pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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### THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN FUND

In consideration of the gifts of others and to enable the American Numismatic Society to match the three-year Challenge Grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, I/we subscribe the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) to be paid as follows:

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# Calendar

## March

- 3-4 International Round Table, "Documents, histoire et pensée en Islam médiéval..." Michael Bates to speak on "Coins and Money in the Arabic Papyri"
- 4 Executive Committee meeting, 1:30
- 14-18 Exhibit honoring Irish-American Cardinals by George Cuhaj at the NY Catholic Center, 1011 1st Avenue
- 26-29 Conference of the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies and the Society for the Study of the Crusades, Nottingham, England, Alan Stahl to speak on "European Coinage in Greece after the Fourth Crusade"

## April

- 13-15 American Council of Learned Societies annual meeting, New York, ANS represented by Roger A. Hornsby and Leslie A. Elam
- 16 Finance Committee meeting, 11:00  
Council meeting, 1:00  
Spring Members Meeting, 3:00, Stephen K. Scher to speak on "Renaissance Coin Collectors and the Origins of the Medal"
- 29 Meeting of delegates and executive committee of the Fédération Internationale de la Médaille, Paris, Alan Stahl, U.S.A. delegate, to report on FIDEM '87

## ANNIVERSARY OF CELATOR

New to the numismatic world in 1987, *The Celator* distributed its first anniversary edition in January 1988. Named after the artists who carved dies for coins in the ancient world, the tabloid newspaper publishes articles of interest about ancient coins. Besides regular features dealing with people in the news, books, art, coming events, etc., the paper also includes puzzles, trivia questions, and clip and save information. According to publisher/editor Wayne G. Sayles, "It has been a kind of fraternal awakening. Not since the nineteenth century have we seen this kind of interaction among numismatists specializing in coins of antiquity."

This special issue has a pull-out reprint of the first issue of *The Numismatic Pilot* which appeared in 1876 for collectors of ancient coins. Also included are a number of special articles ranging from a discussion of the Nome coins of Roman Egypt to the design of computer data bases for collectors of ancient coins. Information about *The Celator* may be obtained by writing to *The Celator*, P.O. Box 123, Lodi, WI 53555.

## May

- 5-8 23rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Alan Stahl to speak on "Mortalita and Moneta: The Black Death and the Mint of Venice"
- 30-31 Council of International Numismatic Commission, Copenhagen, Michael Bates, Vice President and Editor of *INN*

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numismatics represented by such sites as Aphrodisias and Morgantina was also illustrated.

One way the Society attempts to reach its members is through receptions at professional meetings, usually outside New York, attended by staff members. The APA/AIA reception has now been held for five years and is usually the largest such gathering, since over the years most Seminar students have been specialists in the ancient world. Similar receptions have been held at the annual International Conference on Medieval Studies and at the Middle East Studies Association meetings. This year's reception at the Medieval Studies meetings will be Saturday, May 7, 1045 Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, at 9:00 P.M.

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tokens are of particular historical interest since they form part of the Library's Thomas Paine Collection.

The 37 tokens are the following entries in Dalton and Hamer, *The Provincial Token-Coinage of the 18th Century*, London (Middlesex) series, nos. 113, 201, 205, 208, 513, 514, 520, 677, 678a, 686, 689, 699, 719, 732, 739b, 811, 817, 852, 865, 878, 889b, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1037, 1077, 1078, 1081, 1083, 1085, 1091, 1095a, 1099, 1106a, 1112, 1117, 1125a.

Anyone with information that might lead to the recovery of these tokens is urged to contact Hildegard Stephens, Associate Librarian, APS, 105 South 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106; (215) 627-0706.

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